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51. The method of ~~Claim 29~~, wherein saponification is carried out with a mole ratio of alcohol with respect to polyvinyl alcohol of 0.5 to 5.5.

52. The method of producing polyvinyl alcohol polymer fiber comprising the method of ~~Claim 29~~, wherein saponification of the polyvinyl ester is directly linked to a spinning process, and spinning the solution of polyvinyl alcohol polymer that is obtained by saponification.

53. A polyvinyl alcohol polymer produced by a method of ~~Claim 29~~.

54. A polyvinyl alcohol polymer with a block character value of 0.9 to 1.1--

REMARKS

Support for the amendment to page 27 to refer to "Formula I" is found on page 26, line 10. Description of the term "block character" added to pages 28-30 of the specification is found at 26, line 8 of the specification. Claims 29-54 track and find support in original Claims 1-28. Applicants submit that the present application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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